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SUBJECT: "PRAVDA" HINTS NINE MONTH INDUSTRIAL FIGURES WILL BE BELOW
EXPECTATIONS

1. "PRAVDA," ON OCTOBER 12, CARRIED A FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE SUMMARIZING NINE-MONTH RESULTS IN INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE AS A PRELUDE TO PUBLICATION "IN A FEW DAYS" OF THE ACTUAL STATISTICS. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE MAJORITY OF INDUSTRIAL SECTORS FULFILLED THEIR PLAN TASKS. IT NOTED HOWEVER, THAT IN RECENT MONTHS, ESPECIALLY IN SEPTEMBER, "SOME ENTERPRISES" ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE A "SIGNIFICANT PORTION" OF TRANSPORT WAS DIVERTED FOR THE HARVEST AND MANY INDUSTRIAL WORKERS WERE TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO AGRICULTURAL WORK. SINGLED OUT FOR "GOOD RESULTS" WERE THE MINISTRIES OF INSTRUMENT MAKING, AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY, AND MACHINE BUILDING FOR ANIMAL HUSBANDRY. NINE MONTH RESULTS, HOWEVER, "DID NOT BRING JOY" EVERYWHERE. "MANY" ENTERPRISES OF THREE MINISTRIES--TIMBER AND WOOD PROCESSING, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, AND LIGHT INDUSTRY--DID NOT MEET THEIR ASSIGNED TASKS. THE ARTICLE ALSO CRITICIZED MANY COLLECTIVES FOR POOR WORK ORGANIZATION AND DISCIPLINE AND FOR INADEQUATE PREPARATIONS FOR THE WINTER.

2. COMMENT: THE TONE OF THE ARTICLE SUGGESTS THAT THE NINE-MONTH INDUSTRIAL FIGURES, WHICH SHOULD BE PUBLISHED IN ABOUT
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A WEEK, MAY BE BELOW EXPECTATIONS. THE DEMANDS OF THE

HARVEST WOULD BE A PRINCIPAL COMPLICATING FACTOR IN AUGUST-
SEPTEMBER INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, BUT,AS THE ARTICLE IMPLIES,
THE DEFICIENCIES ARE MORE WIDE-SPREAD AND MULTI-FACETED. END
COMMENT. MATLOCK

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